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1. On 13 March 1953, two shipments totaling 55 trucks, [redacted] 20 mortars, and 1,000 troops, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were unloaded at the Weimar railroad station. The unit returned from an exercise.¹ 25X1
2. On 13 March, 12 x 76-mm field guns, 18 x 120-mm mortars and an undetermined number of trucks, [redacted] were unloaded from three trains at the Weimar freight station. The trains had come from the direction of Erfurt.¹ 25X1
3. On 12 March, [redacted] the civilian population were ordered to evacuate the area east of the Neuhoef-Zossen railroad line and and that Highway No 86 was blocked to civilian traffic. 25X1
4. On 1 March, 30 T-34/85 tanks, coming from Forst Zinna; and 19 T-34/85 tanks, and 2 SP guns, coming from Spremberg, were unloaded at the Cottbus railroad station.² A shipment of 24 field kitchens was seen passing the Cottbus railroad station on the same day, coming from Frankfurt/Oder, and proceeding to Jueterbog. On 10 March, 8 T-34/85 tanks, 4 boxcarloads of ammunition and 4 boxcarloads of troops were loaded for Weisswasser at the Cottbus railroad station.³ 25X1
5. On 11 March, three columns totaling 21 trucks occupied by about 400 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, 12 half-track prime movers towing field guns, 20 JS tanks and about 15 motor vehicles were seen passing through Eisenach, coming from the direction of Meiningen-Breitungen and proceeding toward Gotha or the Kindel troop training grounds. [redacted] 25X1

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6. On 12 March, T-34/85 tanks [redacted] light armored personnel carrier [redacted] and 4 trucks were entrained in Wurzen and left toward Riesa.⁵

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1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] units of the 20th Gds Mecz Div, which probably returned from Ohrdruf.
2. [redacted] Comment. The trains carried tanks of the 9th Mecz Div returning from exercises of the division, which were held in the Jueterbog-Paruth area from 25 February to 1 March 1953.
3. [redacted] Comment. The tank firing practices of the 9th Mecz Div in Weisswasser have been under way since January 1953.
4. [redacted] Comment. Presumably an exercise in which, among other units, elements of the 117th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed in Meiningen possibly participated.
5. [redacted] Comment. Probably a tank firing detail of the 20th Gds Mecz Regt of the 9th Gds Mecz Div, which was entrained for Koenigsbrueck.

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